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Honorable Fred S. Hoffman
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter of 19 May 1966. It was very kind of Albert Wohlstetter to mention my name to you. Meeting and talking with him and his delightful wife, Roberta, was a real pleasure.

I shall be delighted to visit you while I am in Washington. My present plans are to be there on the 14th and 15th of June, but I could change this if more convenient to you.

Albert did discuss with me your plan for organizing a regional team for Asia, and I am very interested in learning more about the position you have in mind. By coincidence, Dan Ellsberg and I are representing our respective agencies on a joint committee established by Ambassador Porter to review the present and projected Vietnamese force structure so as to determine the impact of a rapid expansion of the new Revolutionary Development Cadre.

I will call your secretary on or about 3 June to secure an appointment with you. From 1 to 4 June I will be at home at 7090 Plymouth Drive, Littleton, Colorado (Tel: Denver 794-3163). We will be vacationing in California from 5 to 12 June, and I have been invited to address the staff and faculty at Fort Benning on 13 June.

I passed your regards on to Dan Ellsberg and he asked me to tell you he will shortly be writing to you. Dan has made quite an impact here, primarily because of his insistence on getting out to the field at every opportunity and determining what is really happening. In eight months he has become more knowledgeable about the situation than many who have spent years in the country.

I am looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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